



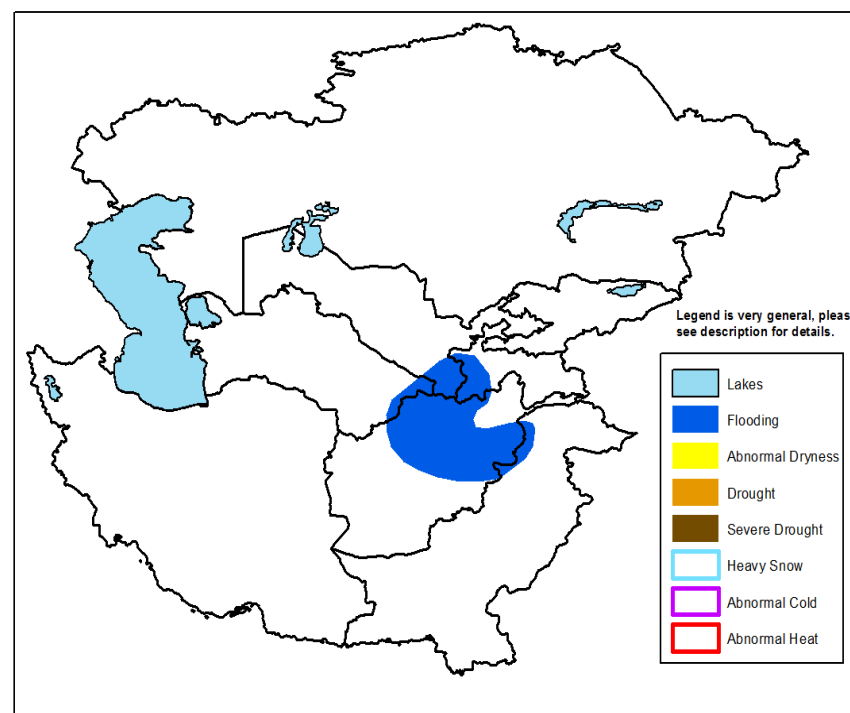
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook April 3 - 9, 2014

Temperatures:

Temperatures from March 22-28 remained above-average (1-7 degrees C) across Kazakhstan and northern Uzbekistan, while temperatures averaged slightly below-average across the remainder of Central Asia. During the next week, above-average temperatures are forecast to persist across eastern Kazakhstan with near normal temperatures elsewhere. Minimum temperatures are expected to remain above freezing across the lowlands of Afghanistan and southern Kazakhstan.

Precipitation

Moderate to heavy precipitation (10-40mm) was observed across parts of Afghanistan, southern Turkmenistan, southern Uzbekistan and western Tajikistan for the third consecutive week. During the next week, light precipitation amounts are forecast. The GFS model indicates that a strong storm will bring widespread rain and high-elevation snow (10-75 mm, liquid equivalent) to southern Turkmenistan, southern Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and much of Afghanistan on April 4 and 5. The predicted heavy rainfall coupled with snow melt are expected to increase the risk of flooding across flood-prone areas of Afghanistan.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.